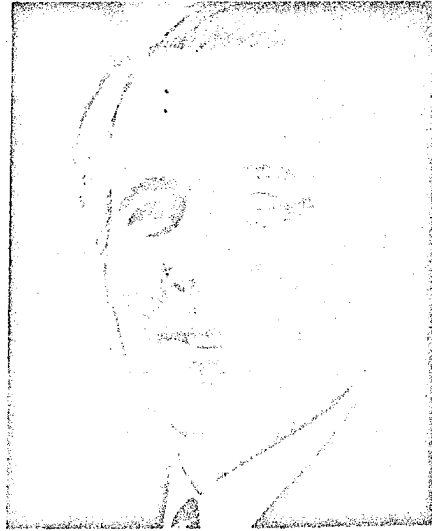


Guenther van WELL
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FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY

Assistant Secretary
(Director), Political
Department 2, Foreign
Office

Addressed as:
Dr. van Well



In early 1973
Guenther van Well, 50,
succeeded Berndt von
Staden as director of
Political Department 2
in the Foreign Office.
Van Well had been dep-
uty political director
from May 1971 until a mid-1972 Foreign Office
reorganization when he became director of Poli-
tical Department 3. During 1967-71 he was chief
of all-German affairs in the Foreign Office.

A lawyer by profession, van Well joined the
Foreign Office in the early 1950's. He spent
5 years (1954-59) at the German Permanent Observ-
er's Office at the United Nations in New York and
1 year (1962) at the Consulate in Boston (while
attending Harvard's Center of International
Affairs). During 1963-67 he was First Secretary
of Embassy in Tokyo. He accompanied Foreign
Minister Walter Scheel to Peking in October 1972.

Described as a very good administrator,
imaginative and capable of original thinking,
van Well is pleasant and outgoing. He is inter-
ested in American politics and speaks fondly of
his stay in New York. He is married to an Ameri-
can, and his two children were born in this country.
For relaxation van Well enjoys walking and bicy-
cling. He speaks fluent English.

20 April 1973

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